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1. Amil Ghuri, until recently head of the Arab Higher Executive (AHE) Bureau in Beirut, returned there from Cairo on 11 December 1952. Almost his first act was to present a letter from the ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem to the President, Kamil Shamm, reminding him of his promise to continue the monthly subsidy of LL.2,000 granted by his predecessor. The first two thousand was duly paid over on the day following the letter's presentation.
2. Ghuri is charged with a number of missions on behalf of Hajj Amin al-Husayni. He is to organize a congress of Palestinian refugees in both Syria and Lebanon, with the object of condemning the policy of UNRWA toward the resettlement problem, and protesting against the United Nations ruling that there should be direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab States on the refugees' future. He also has been instructed to discuss with the adherents of the AHE the establishment of a Palestinian Arab Society which will prepare a new program for the Palestinian cause. Simultaneously, he will discuss the nomination of five members to the AHE to replace those who resigned three years ago.
3. Hajj Amin also gave Ghuri a letter for Aytollah Kashani, the Iranian politico-religious leader, and one for Kashif al-Jata', the Iraqi religious leader. The text of both letters is the same, and charges the British with initiating the proposal that direct negotiations be opened between Israel and the Arab States, in order to hamper the work of any of the Muslim congresses held or to be held at Karachi. The ex-Grand Mufti therefore suggests that a conference of Muslim and Arab Prime Ministers be held in Karachi in the early spring.
4. Ghuri intends to visit Monseigneur Tahan, Greek Orthodox Patriarch in Lebanon. He will ask the latter to use his influence to secure the support of the UAR for the Arab proposal to the UN that Jerusalem be internationalised.

1. Washington Comment. It was reported in 80-100065* that Sha'mm, in a meeting with the ex-Mufti on 6 October 1952, agreed to continue monthly payments of 2,000 Lebanese pounds to the AHE in Lebanon.

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